

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-862

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tilghman Pool Hall

2. Location

street & number Route 33 ___ not for publication

city, town Tilghman ___ vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state MD county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Melvin O. and Elizabeth G. Birmingham

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 282

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 166

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tilghman Pool Hall is located on the southwest corner of Coopertown Road and Route 33 in the village of Tilghman, Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. The store faces east with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, the exterior and roof of this one-story, frame structure is clad in asphalt shingles. It is supported by a very low brick pier foundation.

The east (main) facade is completely sheathed in plywood.

The northern elevation has three western bays of two-over-two sash windows. A four panel door separates these three bays from one two-over-two sash window at the eastern end of the building.

The west (rear) elevation has a central exterior cinderblock stove stack flanked on the south by one two-over-two sash window. This gable end has shallow cornice returns.

The south elevation has four western bays which project slightly to the south of the two eastern bays. This projecting section is lit by three two-over-two sash windows and one entrance door. An exterior brick stove stack sits at the east end of this projecting section. The two eastern bays consist of one two-over-two sash window and an entrance door.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

One local resident remembers this dilapidated building as the former Birmingham store. Another suggests that it was the home of Charlie Howeth's store. Many residents remember when this structure was operated as a pool hall.

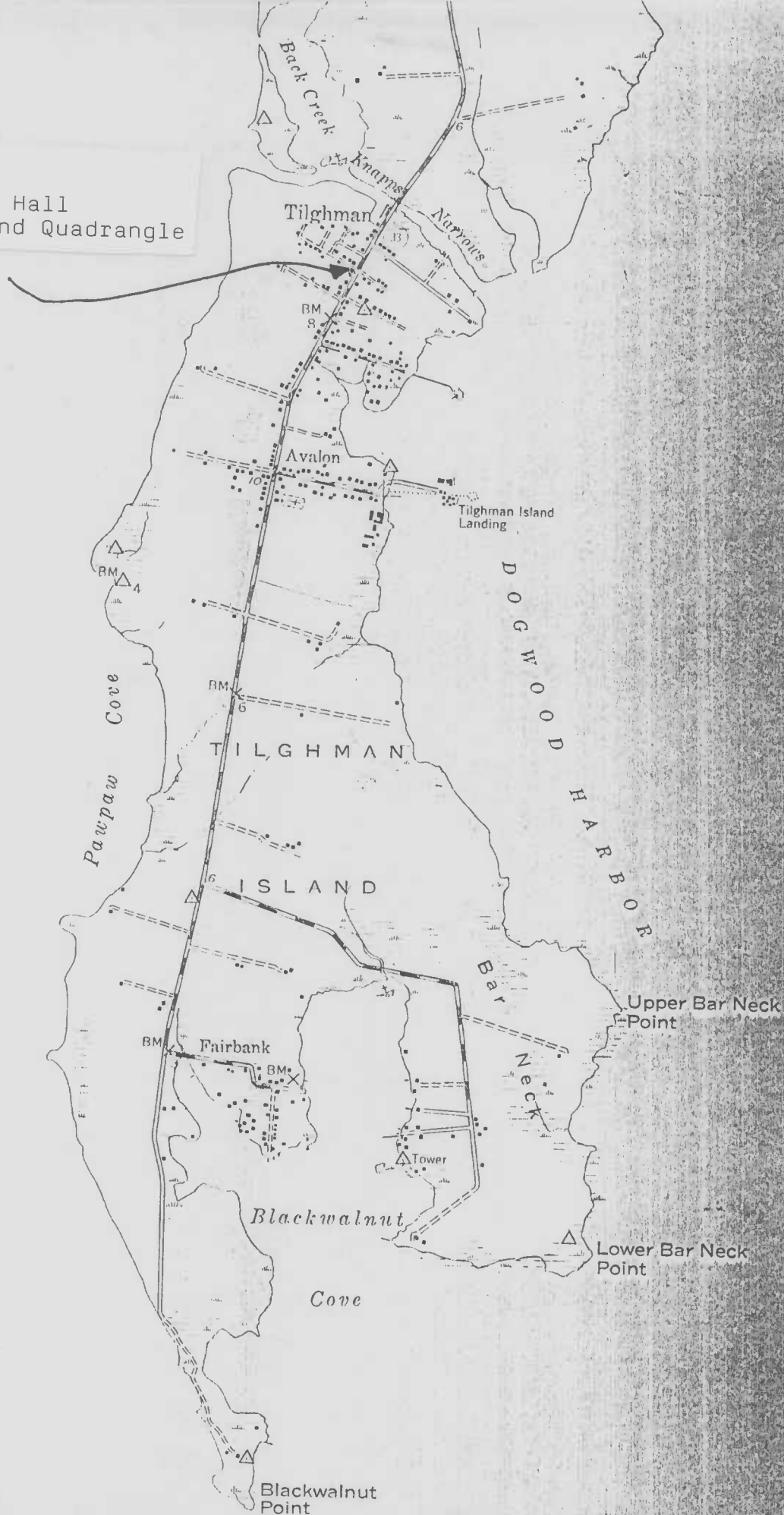
If this is, in fact, the former Birmingham store, it was built in 1898 by Charles Lomax. Lewis and Ella Birmingham operated it until their death when it passed to their son Lewis M. In 1954 it was being operated by Melvin O. Birmingham's mother.

The Tilghman Pool Hall is in poor condition, but it remains one of a block of former commercial ventures including the neighboring McCarty Tavern and the still thriving McCarty Store.

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Tilghman Pool Hall
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

NW ELEVATION.

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